What is SPARK all about?

The mission of the SPARK program is to inspire, support, and empower undergraduate women majoring in engineering, engineering technology, and computer science at Texas State University.

This unique program is funded by the National Science Foundation and is part of the College of Science and Engineering’s goal to increase the number of women graduating with degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and entering professional STEM careers.

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Students selected for SPARK will participate in the following program benefits ~

- Scholarships: $10,000 per year scholarship for three years, beginning Fall 2013
- Housing: SPARK students will be the first group to live in our new STEM Living and Learning Community. Your campus home for the first year will be in Gaillardia, Texas State’s newest residence hall.
- University Life: Co-enroll in courses, participate in academic study groups, interact with female faculty mentors, and belong to a special community of like-minded students and friends!
- Activities: Special programming and group events throughout the year will help you explore interesting careers in engineering and computer science, find research opportunities, and introduce you to successful women working in these fields.

Am I eligible to apply?

SPARK is for full-time first year students who plan to declare a major in engineering, engineering technology, computer science, or mathematics.

What else you need to know ~

- Applicants must apply for and be eligible for financial aid at Texas State
- Be enrolled fulltime (12 hours minimum per long semester)
- Have at least three years of state core science courses
- Have taken mathematics courses through pre-calculus, calculus preferred
- Rank in top 25% of high school graduating class
- Have a “B” average in state core courses and a “B” average in math/science courses
- Satisfy the College Readiness Benchmarks on the SAT or ACT assessment:
  SAT - 1500 out of 2400 (Verbal + Math + Writing)
  ACT - 18 English, 21 Reading, 22 Mathematics, and 24 Science
- Students who do not meet all academic criteria may be accepted for one probationary semester
- Applications to SPARK are not restricted to female students; all students are welcome to apply

Visit our website & apply online! www.cose.txstate.edu/spark.html
If you are accepted into the SPARK Scholars Program, you are eligible to keep your scholarship (up to 3 years) as long as you remain a fulltime student with declared major in engineering, engineering technology, computer science, or mathematics; maintain TX State 2.5 GPA minimum and Major 2.5 GPA minimum; and participate in ongoing SPARK enrichment activities.

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